GUIDELINES

UTAH STATE PARKS

Please observe the following park regulations to ensure everyone's visit is pleasant:

CAMPING - Camp only in designated areas. Each permit covers one vehicle and any attached recreational equipment. Fees are charged for additional vehicles. Up to eight people are allowed per campsite.

FIRES - Campfires are allowed in specified areas only. All sites provide charcoal grills and selected sites offer ground grills. Firewood is generally available at the entrance station.

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES - Off-highway vehicle riding is not permitted with the park. For designated riding areas outside the park, contact park personnel.

PLANTS & ANIMALS - All plants, animals, minerals and other natural features in state parks are protected. It is unlawful to remove, alter or destroy them.

FIREARMS – Possession or use of firearms, traps or other devices capable of launching a projectile that can immobilize, injure or kill a person or animal, or damage property is prohibited unless the weapon or device is 1) unloaded and packed away to prevent its use, 2) being used for legal pursuit of wildlife, or 3) being used by authorized enforcement officers in the performance of official duties.

FIREWORKS – Explosives, fireworks or firecrackers are prohibited.

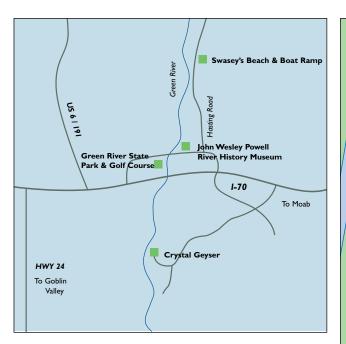
SPEED LIMIT - The speed limit within all park areas is 15 mph.

WASTE WATER - It is unlawful to dump or to drain water from campers or trailers onto the ground. A sanitary disposal station is provided for registered campers.

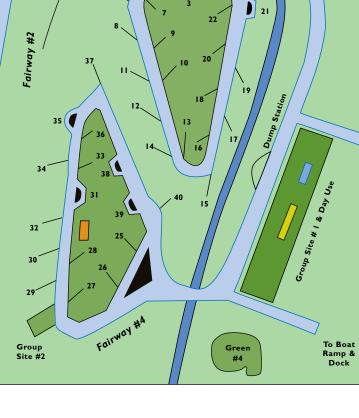
PETS - Pets are allowed in state parks, but must be on a maximum six-foot leash and kept under control at all times. Please do not tie leashes to tree trunks as they damage soft bark. Do not leave pets unattended.

VANDALISM - It is unlawful to mutilate or deface any natural or constructed feature or structure. Please help keep our parks beautiful.

QUIET HOURS – 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.







Entrance Station



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GREEN RIVER



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STATE PARK

ocated on the banks of the Green River, nestled among tall cottonwood trees and well-manicured lawns, including a nine-hole golf course, is Green River State Park campground. The park offers quiet camping for weary I-70 travelers, and serves as base camp for river runners or visitors exploring southeastern Utah. The park is within a one-hour drive of Goblin Valley and Dead Horse Point state parks, the San Rafael Swell with its many narrow slot canyons, and Arches and Canyonlands national parks.

SPECIAL FEATURES

acilities include a 40-unit campground, group-use facilities and pavilion, modern restrooms, showers, day-use area, sewage disposal station, boat ramp and dock. Campsites feature a picnic table, paved parking and fire pit/barbecue grill.

GOLF

reen River State Park operates a scenic and beautifully maintained nine-hole golf course adjacent to the campground. Golfers enjoy driving, chipping, and putting their way along the meandering Green River.



RAFTING/CANOING

reen River is one of Utah's premier river running waters. Up river from the park, the river winds through spectacular Desolation and Gray canyons where placid stretches of river are interrupted by whitewater rapids. Down river from the park, the river meanders through the red rocks of Labyrinth and Stillwater canyons. Farther south, after the Green joins the Colorado River (120 river miles below the park), the river fights its way through Cataract Canyon for some of the best whitewater rafting in the United States.



FRIENDSHIP CRUISE

ach Memorial Day Weekend, the 184-mile Friendship Cruise launches from Green River State Park. Hundreds of motorboats make their way down the Green River through Labyrinth and Stillwater canyons to the confluence with the Colorado River, then up the Colorado to Moab, Utah.

ROCK HOUNDING

ills and canyons within a few miles of the park are rich in rocks and minerals. Agate, jasper, petrified wood, geodes and other minerals are plentiful.

OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES

he San Rafael Swell is a magnificent badland of brightly colored and wildly eroded sandstone formations, deep canyons and giant plates of stone tilted upright through massive geologic upheaval. Popular with off-highway vehicle riders, the 1.1 million-acre San Rafael Swell offers 677 miles of trails combined with 1,300 miles of county, state and federal roads. Green River State Park is a short drive to and from major trailheads within the San Rafael Swell.

LABYRINTH CANYON

trip through Labyrinth Canyon may be enjoyed almost any time of year. From the park, river runners float through an open valley on a long stretch of smooth water before being engulfed by the sheer rock walls of Labyrinth Canyon. There are no rapids, only a few riffles below the town of Green River. This flat-water stretch is suitable for canoes, kayaks, rafts of all types, and is also used by motorized craft. Be aware that during low water, motorboats and non-motorized craft share a narrow channel. A minimum of three to four days should be allowed for the 68 river miles from Green River to Mineral Bottom, though more time is suggested to explore many sites along the way. The area is remote and services are non-existent. Permits are required for all boating trips in Labyrinth Canyon and must be in the trip leader's possession. All Utah boating and fishing regulations apply, and all permit stipulations must be followed.

CRYSTAL GEYSER

rystal Geyser is a rare, cold water, carbon dioxide-powered geyser that mellows many hours between eruptions, but is an impressive site. The rainbow colored terraces around the geyser are especially colorful. Crystal Geyser was "formed" in 1935 - 36 when a petroleum test well was dug on the banks of the Green River.

PLANTS & ANIMALS

ottonwood and Russian olive trees, willows, tamarisks, cattails, and salt grass vegetate the park. Bird watchers will find long-term residents such as robins, kingfishers, and mourning doves alongside ibises, egrets, herons, hawks, owls, and a variety of songbirds. Squirrels scurry up and down tree trunks while muskrats paddle up the small stream flowing through the park. Early risers may glimpse beaver swimming in the river.

GREEN RIVER MELONS

reen River City is famous for its melons. Each September, the city celebrates Melon Days. Activities include a fair and parade, golf tournament, exhibits, and plenty of delicious Green River melons.



RIVER HISTORY

Rugged canyons carved by the Green River were a mystery until 1869 when an expedition of geologists, geographers and scouts, led by Major John Wesley Powell, floated the river from present-day Green River, Wyoming to the mouth of the Grand Canyon. Their goal was "to fill in the last white space on the map, to explore the last great unmapped and unknown part of the continental United States." Powell discovered he was not the first to explore the area. In 1936, French trapper Denis Julien chipped his name into the rock walls of the canyon. Fremont Indian (A.D. 500 - 1200) petroglyphs can be spotted in cliffs along the river and in tributary canyons.

Reservations

Reservations are not required, but are advised for individual and group camping. Individual campsite reservations may be made up to 16 weeks in advance from park check-out date. Group-use reservations may be made up to 11 months in advance. For reservations call 322-3770 within Salt Lake City, toll-free 1 (800) 322-3770 or visit www.stateparks.utah.gov. Unreserved sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

User Fees

Day-use and camping fees are charged. Additional fees are charged for reservations.

Address inquiries to:

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